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Thanks

- .. To those parents who attended this week's Hat Parade.
- .. To those who supported our Book Fair with purchase of books.
- .. To those parents who helped with co-ordination, transport and supervision of our interschool cross-country runners this week.
- .. Those people who have sent Talent Photos to school. **Please keep these rolling in.**
- .. And a belated thanks to Jenny Crawford who generously supplies her 4WD every year to cart things around for cross country and other such events.

People of the week

- .. Mrs Bruce for organising our awesome Book Week.
- .. Our hat parade winners (a most difficult choice for the judges)
- .. Our interschool cross-country representatives (will let you know next week how they got on)

TRUTHFULNESS VIRTUE AWARDS

- .. Please find below winners of the truthfulness awards - presented at this week's assembly. We salute these children and thank them for the example they set for us all.

Virtues Acknowledgement

Congratulations to the following children who were selected by their classes as "Shining Examples" of the **Truthfulness** Virtue. We hope your parents feel very proud of your efforts

Rm 2	Harley	Rm 2	Jack
Rm 3	Hannah	Rm 3	Kobi
Rm 3	Brendan	Rm 4	Jessica
Rm 4	Bayden	Rm 5	Mikayla
Rm 5	Olivia	Rm 6	Toby
Rm 7	Gerran	Rm 7	Grace
Rm 8	Ariah	Rm 8	Reuben
Rm 9	Oliver	Rm 9	Molly
Rm 10	Emily	Rm 10	Bradley
Rm 11	Briony-May	Rm 11	Tyler
Rm 12	Jess		

TRUSTWORTHINESS VIRTUE

Trustworthiness is our final virtue for this term (support material was sent home last week). Please remember to discuss this material with your child(ren) and maybe assist them to set some trustworthiness targets. Please let us know of any special examples so we can celebrate these through our newsletter.

Talent Showcase

Parents, grandparents, neighbours, extended family etc. are cordially invited to attend our School Talent Show to be held in the school hall **7:00 PM Thursday 22 September**. Please pencil this date in to your diaries. Entry fee of \$2.00 per person will assist to defray the cost of sound and lighting equipment. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the night. More to follow.

Talent Showcase Participants

If your child has been shortlisted for final auditions for the Talent Show please ensure they bring all necessary equipment (instruments, CDs, costumes etc.) with them each day next week. Final selection should be made by mid way through next week after which rehearsals begin in earnest. Questions please to Mrs Witte.

Coming up

13 September	Kamo High School Enrolment Interviews
22 September	School Talent Show
23 September	Northland Cross Country
27 September	School Photos
7 October	Final day of term 3

Year 7 and 8 Outdoor Ed Day at WGHS

Please ensure all consents for this event have been returned by Monday. Any questions please to Mr D.

Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be located outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30-3:30 Tuesday 13 September. Appointments not necessary. Pre-schoolers will also be seen.

Wanting to know more about our Year 7 and 8 (intermediate) department?

If you would like to know more we suggest you might like to make an appointment to discuss this programme with Mr Delemare somewhere in the period 5 to 16 September, or to attend a meeting and power point display in Room 12 - 7:00 PM Tuesday 20 September.

Good programmes do not happen by accident. We encourage you to take this opportunity to dig a little deeper into what really makes a difference in the medium to longer term.

Meningitis

Due to understandable public concern over recent cases of meningitis the NDHB has set up a helpline (0800 430 123). The necessity for prompt action in the event of infection cannot be overemphasised. So .. if you or someone you know has any of the following symptoms .. headache, fever, vomiting, sleepy, confused or delirious, stiff neck, dislike of bright lights, joint or muscle pain or **rash** or spots, see a doctor and don't be put off. If symptoms persist go back to a doctor. We have some printed material at the school office for anyone interested.

School Contribution/EOTC Payments

Parents who opted to pay school contribution / EOTC payments by term will have received a payment request notice this week. Please contact the office if you would like to make payment by direct credit. Any questions don't hesitate to give Helen a call.

Home Garden Programme

Consent forms were sent home this week with all of those children who expressed interest in this year's Home Garden programme. If your child did not receive one, and would like them to participate, further forms are available from the school office.

International Schools English and Maths Practice papers

.. still some to be returned (especially year 8). Please send these along to school on Monday so we can put these in storage for use next year.

Term Headlice Inspection

Please check your children's hair weekly and respond quickly in the event of infestation.

Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2012

Places for out of zone students were advertised in The Whangarei Report on 3 September with closing date for applications 27 September. We are reserving 30 places for students Years 1 to 6 for next year and 20 places in Years 7 and 8 (our intermediate department). These numbers reflect our desire to hold our roll at its current level (around 250) without compromising our commitment to low class numbers - especially in the junior and intermediate departments. **These numbers mean that out of zoners have a "good" chance of getting in.** If you know of any families interested in our school please advise them of these dates, or perhaps even request an Out of Zone Enrolment Form for them from the school office. We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school.

Electronic advertisement for out of zone applications

.. were sent to families this week with a request that you forward these to any interested parties. Personal recommendation is the best advertisement for any school. We are hopeful of keeping our roll around the 250 mark. We think we can achieve this with your assistance.



WE NEED YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES!

As most of you will be aware we are compiling a School Community Cookbook and we would *love to feature your favourite recipes*. Simply email them or drop them off to the office, we will sort them from there. We would love to have these by September 30th, however the sooner the better. Thanks to

those of you that have already sent in your Family Favourites.

SKIDS Matarau Holiday Programme

Please let Abbe know if any families would be interested in sending their children to our holiday programme in the October holidays. We will need numbers ASAP to ensure the Programme will go ahead. Call 0278461724 or 08002741722 or

Matarau@skids.co.nz



Community Notices

Excellere College - Open Day Wed 14.9.11 11.00am-12.30pm and Thur 15.9.11 6.30pm-7.45pm, Alive Church Auditorium, 55 Great North Rd. Curriculum & course outlines available, Tour of the College. For more info contact Michelle or Carole on 09 4352458 or visit www.excellercollege.school.nz.

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House Cleaner Available - References available. Contact Tracy Tohill 09 4370979 or 0212694845.

Dance Inc Northland - is offering limited places in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre & Tap dancing classes. Classes are offered in Town and in Kamo. Please phone 4308806, visit www.danceincnorthland.co.nz or e-mail danceincnorthland@gmail.com

Intentions for 2012 ... request for information

.. if you know your child(ren) will NOT be at Matarau School next year please advise Helen in the school office within the next two weeks.

.. if you know of any children who WILL be attending Matarau School next year **of whom we may not be aware** please also phone Helen with this information.

Final Thought

*There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar.
I love not Man the less, but Nature more.*

Lord Byron (1788-1824)

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & grated cheese (optional) & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher. (Note the price increase, apologies but unavoidable).

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. (Note no Macaroni Cheese offered this term).

Book Fair Parade Boat Theme



**What an
awesome
effort!**